Strength and endurance, especially in men, were considered very desirable and of more importance than the stature and shape of body. Tall men were considered good looking, but not equal to short men for strength and endurance. Some tall men were very good builders but short men were better than tall men at archery and paddle. They could carry heavier loads without becoming fatigued. Men who were skilful hunters, good-tempered and of lively disposition were most desired by women. These qualities were more considered by women than good looks, etc. Some men considered a slight amount skin preferable to fine features. Some would say, "That woman has a beautiful face and fine features but her skin is too rough". It is said that women for all personnel of the Raven phratry had rougher skins than women or people of the Wolf phratry. This is said to be owing to their descent from Dog Salmon who like the Raven bird had rough skin, especially on the legs. A very wide head or a very flat nose was considered ugly. People having these features were said to resemble slaves. A man would say of a well-fed, fleshy-faced person, "That woman is ugly; she resembles a slave".

[illegible]—FISHING AND PREPARATION OF FOOD

The food of the Tahltan consisted of flesh of animals and of fish supplemented by some vegetable food during the summer season. Animal flesh especially was the chief subsistence of the tribe, but fish was also important. In comparison with the Plateau Tribes the use of roots and berries was insignificant. Shell fish taken from salt or fresh water were not eaten. It is said they were fairly abundant in one large lake near the head of Nass River, but in all other parts of the Tahltan country were exceedingly scarce. There were no domestic animals excepting the dog, and no agriculture was practised, except for a period of years the cultivation of tobacco.

The flesh of the following animals was considered good food; the caribou, moose, buffalo, sheep, goat, bear (of all kinds), lynx, beaver, marmot, porcupine, ground squirrels, and hare or rabbit.

Tree squirrels and muskrats were eaten occasionally especially if food was scarce but they were not considered very good food. Squirrels did not have enough fat.